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General Counsel

7 July 1949

Budget Officer

Overseas Allowances and Benefits

1. The proposal set forth in your memorandum of 1 July 1949 relative to the extension of provisions of section 901(1) and 901(2) of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 as now incorporated in Public Law 110, 81st Congress is concurred in by this office. In view of the length of time which may be required to get the necessary authority from the President, it is considered advisable to expedite action insofar as possible.

2. In connection with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of State under the authority of Executive Order No. 10,011, under the terms of section 204 of Public Law 491, 80th Congress, it is suggested that consideration be given to the possibility of continuing, in cases of necessity, payments under such regulations, under extended authority contained in Public Law 154 approved 30 June 1949. It appears likely that pending final passage of pertinent appropriation acts and other legislation, that Public Law 154 can be construed as extending existing authorities and delegations which have been used to pay allowances to vouchered personnel.

3. The conclusion that permanent authority under the CIA Act should be obtained to permit a more equitable system of allowances applicable to both vouchered and unvouchered personnel appears to be sound regardless of other possibilities in connection with the use of internal regulations or authorities.

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